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To: Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform

Re: Support of AJR 63

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund supports redistricting which upholds equality in representation for all citizens in our state. AJR 63 would amend the state constitution to exclude incarcerated, disenfranchised felons from the enumeration of population for the purposes of apportionment and redistricting of legislative, county and certain other district offices. We believe this resolution is an important step in achieving equality.

The 2010 Census will count incarcerated, disenfranchised felons in the districts where they are incarcerated, rather than in their home districts. To build a redistricting plan around this policy, with a population of disenfranchised offenders concentrated in a prison district, results in an "inflated" level of representation for other residents of the district. Yet state prisoners do not use local services, such as streets, fire and police, nor may they vote in the districts where they are incarcerated. This gives the representatives of these districts a smaller population by whom they are held accountable in elections.

While we might prefer to change the way the U.S. Census Bureau counts incarcerated offenders, there is not time to do so before this year's census and subsequent redistricting. It is worth noting that the inflation of representation in the prison districts, where the concentration of prisoners is high, is much greater in impact than the dilution of representation that comes from *not* counting state prisoners in their home districts. Thus, for now, AJR 63 would substantially alleviate the imbalance of representation caused by counting offenders in the prison districts.

We urge you to support AJR 63. Thank you.

Appendix A. Incarcerated populations in Wisconsin Assembly districts.

<u>District</u>	<u>Representative (2008)</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Prisoners (state and federal)</u>	<u>Black prisoners</u>	<u>Latino Prisoners</u>	<u>District population</u>	<u>Population Deviation</u>	<u>Percent of district that is incarcerated</u>	<u>Percent deviation without prisoners</u>	<u>White population</u>	<u>Black population</u>	<u>Latino population</u>	<u>Percent Black population incarcerated</u>	<u>Percent Latino population incarcerated</u>
1	Garey Bies	R	120	46	4	53,973	-206	0.2%	-0.6%	52,675	165	473	27.9%	0.8%
2	Frank Lasee	R	0	0	0	54,191	12	0%	0%	52,290	169	701	0%	0%
3	Alvin Ott	R	0	0	0	54,121	-58	0%	-0.1%	52,206	205	540	0%	0%
4	Phil Montgomery	R	1,936	660	46	54,428	249	3.6%	-3.1%	51,246	1,039	627	63.5%	7.3%
5	Tom Nelson	D	0	0	0	53,950	-229	0%	-0.4%	48,847	157	712	0%	0%
6	Gary Tauchen	R	0	0	0	54,168	-11	0%	0%	51,331	110	665	0%	0%
7	Margaret Krusick	D	0	0	0	54,176	-3	0%	0%	48,990	726	2,709	0%	0%
8	Pedro A. Colón	D	0	0	0	54,074	-105	0%	-0.2%	12,942	3,754	33,602	0%	0%
9	Josh Zepnick	D	0	0	0	54,204	25	0%	0%	33,470	1,944	15,404	0%	0%
10	Annette Williams	D	0	0	0	54,312	133	0%	0.2%	11,101	39,163	2,693	0%	0%
11	Jason Fields	D	0	0	0	53,971	-208	0%	-0.4%	12,981	37,112	1,425	0%	0%
12	Frederick P. Kessler	D	0	0	0	54,245	66	0%	0.1%	28,520	21,205	1,733	0%	0%
13	David Cullen	D	0	0	0	53,940	-239	0%	-0.4%	48,221	2,103	1,961	0%	0%
14	Leah Vukmir	R	0	0	0	54,596	417	0%	0.8%	50,507	1,100	1,093	0%	0%
15	Tony Staskunas	D	49	38	3	53,811	-368	0.1%	-0.8%	49,891	664	1,899	5.7%	0.2%
16	Leon Young	D	83	60	3	54,349	170	0.2%	0.2%	11,821	36,992	3,029	0.2%	0.1%
17	Barbara Toles	D	0	0	0	54,204	25	0%	0%	14,223	36,201	1,393	0%	0%
18	Tamara D. Grigsby	D	0	0	0	54,136	-43	0%	-0.1%	12,393	34,236	2,692	0%	0%
19	Jon	D	49	39	2	54,272	93	0.1%	0.1%	45,019	2,802	3,719	1.4%	0.1%

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20	Christin e Sinicki	D	0	0	0	54,217	38	0%	0.1%	48,392	591	3,291	0%	0%
21	Mark Honadel	R	0	0	0	54,302	123	0%	0.2%	49,088	879	2,514	0%	0%
22	Sheldon Wasser man	D	0	0	0	54,361	182	0%	0.3%	47,086	3,995	1,087	0%	0%
23	Jim Ott	R	0	0	0	53,867	-312	0%	-0.6%	42,179	8,554	1,145	0%	0%
24	Suzann e Jeskewi tz	R	0	0	0	53,848	-331	0%	-0.6%	51,637	728	597	0%	0%
25	Bob Ziegelb auer	D	0	0	0	53,825	-354	0%	-0.7%	50,578	268	1,076	0%	0%
26	Terry Van Akkeren	D	0	0	0	54,043	-136	0%	-0.3%	46,323	509	3,071	0%	0%
27	Steve Kestell	R	1,240	637	99	53,907	-272	2.3%	-2.8%	51,788	807	595	78.9%	16.6%
28	Ann Hraychu ck	D	0	0	0	54,404	225	0%	0.4%	52,617	168	437	0%	0%
29	John Murtha	R	103	42	5	54,356	177	0.2%	0.1%	52,271	280	430	15.0%	1.2%
30	Kitty Rhoades	R	0	0	0	54,234	55	0%	0.1%	52,686	236	504	0%	0%
31	Stephen Nass	R	0	0	0	54,423	244	0%	0.5%	52,129	247	1,393	0%	0%
32	Thomas Lothian	R	0	0	0	54,103	-76	0%	-0.1%	48,364	465	4,547	0%	0%
33	Scott Newco mer	R	0	0	0	53,760	-419	0%	-0.8%	51,435	468	998	0%	0%
34	Dan Meyer	R	124	47	5	54,275	96	0.2%	-0.1%	51,060	193	413	24.4%	1.2%
35	Donald Friske	R	0	0	0	54,165	-14	0%	0%	52,756	195	462	0%	0%
36	Jeffrey L. Mursau	R	0	0	0	54,178	-1	0%	0%	46,541	238	527	0%	0%
37	Andy Jorgens en	D	115	54	3	54,045	-134	0.2%	-0.5%	51,321	252	1,757	21.4%	0.2%
38	Joel Kleefisc h	R	0	0	0	54,602	423	0%	0.8%	52,245	184	1,495	0%	0%
39	Jeff Fitzgera ld	R	1,472	670	97	54,615	436	2.7%	-1.9%	51,824	836	1,391	80.1%	7.0%
40	Kevin	R	0	0	0	53,966	-213	0%	-0.4%	52,416	143	749	0%	0%

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41	Joan Ballweg	R	0	0	0	54,242	63	0%	0.1%	52,320	168	1,176	0%	0%
42	J.A. Hines	R	2,05 2	834	319	54,206	27	3.8%	-3.7%	50,941	1,038	1,136	80.3%	28.1%
43	Kim Hixson	D	0	0	0	53,869	-310	0%	-0.6%	50,367	952	1,732	0%	0%
44	Mike Sherida n	D	0	0	0	54,264	85	0%	0.2%	50,614	1,115	1,518	0%	0%
45	Chuck Benedic t	D	0	0	0	54,134	-45	0%	-0.1%	43,429	5,901	3,584	0%	0%
46	Gary Hebl	D	0	0	0	54,206	27	0%	0%	51,193	1,112	947	0%	0%
47	Eugene Hahn	R	0	0	0	54,313	134	0%	0.2%	52,440	316	862	0%	0%
48	Joseph T. Parisi	D	0	0	0	53,949	-230	0%	-0.4%	48,776	2,144	1,524	0%	0%
49	Phil Garthw aite	D	167	104	12	54,133	-46	0.3%	-0.4%	53,028	298	294	34.9%	4.1%
50	Sheryl Albers	R	0	0	0	54,355	176	0%	0.3%	52,589	176	680	0%	0%
51	Steve Hilgenb erg	D	0	0	0	54,274	95	0%	0.2%	53,092	152	582	0%	0%
52	John F. Townse nd	R	979	426	42	54,300	121	1.8%	-1.6%	50,739	904	1,366	47.1%	3.1%
53	Carol Owens	R	5,13 1	2,098	220	54,036	-143	9.5%	-9.7%	49,866	2,342	865	89.6%	25.4%
54	Gordon Hintz	R	0	0	0	54,052	-127	0%	-0.2%	50,400	523	876	0%	0%
55	Dean Kaufert	R	0	0	0	53,872	-307	0%	-0.6%	50,477	360	1,657	0%	0%
56	Roger Roth	R	0	0	0	54,199	20	0%	0%	51,837	302	967	0%	0%
57	Steve Wiecker t	R	0	0	0	53,921	-258	0%	-0.5%	48,623	651	1,381	0%	0%
58	Pat Strachot a	R	0	0	0	53,922	-257	0%	-0.5%	52,355	166	752	0%	0%
59	Daniel LeMahi eu	R	0	0	0	54,138	-41	0%	-0.1%	52,728	146	658	0%	0%
60	Mark Gottlieb	R	0	0	0	53,975	-204	0%	-0.4%	52,301	268	712	0%	0%
61	Robert Turner	D	404	206	42	54,305	126	0.7%	-0.5%	32,235	12,773	8,329	1.6%	0.5%
62	Cory Mason	D	1,40 5	754	144	54,049	-130	2.6%	-2.8%	41,965	6,519	4,467	11.6%	3.2%

63	Robin J. Vos	R	251	90	70	54,171	-8	0.5%	-0.5%	50,866	905	1,440	9.9%	4.9%
64	James Kreuser	D	0	0	0	54,480	301	0%	0.6%	41,310	5,362	6,441	0%	0%
65	John Steinbrink	D	108	61	10	54,017	-162	0.2%	-0.5%	47,080	2,323	3,192	2.6%	0.3%
66	Samantha Kerkman	R	0	0	0	54,108	-71	0%	-0.1%	51,159	478	1,685	0%	0%
67	Jeffrey Wood	R	0	0	0	54,033	-146	0%	-0.3%	53,037	90	274	0%	0%
68	Terry Moulton	R	0	0	0	54,140	-39	0%	-0.1%	50,796	321	444	0%	0%
69	Scott Suder	R	0	0	0	54,387	208	0%	0.4%	53,216	90	551	0%	0%
70	Amy Sue Vruwink	D	0	0	0	53,885	-294	0%	-0.5%	52,251	161	459	0%	0%
71	Louis J. Molepske, Jr.	D	0	0	0	54,495	316	0%	0.6%	51,086	267	1,130	0%	0%
72	Marlin Schneider	D	0	0	0	54,257	78	0%	0.1%	51,810	219	665	0%	0%
73	Frank Boyle	D	72	29	1	54,507	328	0.1%	0.5%	51,597	369	400	7.9%	0.3%
74	Gary E. Sherman	D	72	37	0	53,867	-312	0.1%	-0.7%	46,775	141	450	26.2%	0%
75	Mary Hubler	D	0	0	0	53,981	-198	0%	-0.4%	52,277	115	512	0%	0%
76	Terese Berceau	D	0	0	0	54,619	440	0%	0.8%	44,637	3,872	2,495	0%	0%
77	Spencer Black	D	0	0	0	54,158	-21	0%	0%	44,184	2,027	1,958	0%	0%
78	Mark Pocan	D	0	0	0	54,105	-74	0%	-0.1%	40,877	5,269	3,919	0%	0%
79	Sondy Pope-Roberts	D	705	398	31	54,562	383	1.3%	-0.6%	49,842	1,617	1,280	24.6%	2.4%
80	Brett H. Davis	R	0	0	0	53,978	-201	0%	-0.4%	52,675	230	515	0%	0%
81	David Travis	D	0	0	0	53,823	-356	0%	-0.7%	47,812	2,535	1,525	0%	0%
82	Jeffrey Stone	R	0	0	0	54,545	366	0%	0.7%	49,919	1,658	1,369	0%	0%
83	Scott Gunderson	R	0	0	0	54,262	83	0%	0.2%	52,683	183	817	0%	0%
84	Mark Gundrum	R	0	0	0	54,030	-149	0%	-0.3%	51,142	313	1,077	0%	0%

85	Donna J. Seidel	D	0	0	0	54,443	264	0%	0.5%	48,315	312	499	0%	0%
86	Jerry Petrowski	R	0	0	0	53,845	-334	0%	-0.6%	51,952	159	324	0%	0%
87	Mary Williams	R	0	0	0	54,025	-154	0%	-0.3%	52,825	149	387	0%	0%
88	James Soletski	D	0	0	0	54,095	-84	0%	-0.2%	43,816	1,052	5,409	0%	0%
89	John Nygren	R	0	0	0	54,407	228	0%	0.4%	53,069	163	400	0%	0%
90	Karl Van Roy	R	0	0	0	54,207	28	0%	0.1%	47,740	765	1,873	0%	0%
91	Barbara Gronemus	D	0	0	0	54,596	417	0%	0.8%	53,683	96	381	0%	0%
92	Terry Musser	R	888	338	39	54,434	255	1.6%	-1.2%	50,814	653	810	51.8%	4.8%
93	Jeff Smith	D	0	0	0	54,340	161	0%	0.3%	51,859	383	502	0%	0%
94	Michael Huebsch	R	0	0	0	54,135	-44	0%	-0.1%	52,083	277	395	0%	0%
95	Jennifer Shilling	D	0	0	0	54,625	446	0%	0.8%	49,848	951	613	0%	0%
96	Lee A. Nerison	R	292	156	16	54,308	129	0.5%	-0.3%	52,873	296	679	52.7%	2.4%
97	Bill Kramer	R	0	0	0	54,411	232	0%	0.4%	46,775	872	5,080	0%	0%
98	Rich Zipperer	R	0	0	0	54,039	-140	0%	-0.3%	50,917	421	630	0%	0%
99	Don Pridemore	R	0	0	0	54,024	-155	0%	-0.3%	52,305	329	727	0%	0%

Sources and methodology

Representative (2006)

The incumbent legislator as of January 2006

Party

Party of incumbent

Prisoners (state and federal)

This is the number of state and federal prisoners incarcerated in the district. The Census publishes the number of incarcerated people in each block in Summary File 1, Table P37. We then identified which incarcerated populations in each block were state or federal prisoners.

Black prisoners

The Census publishes the race of the correctional population at the tract level in Summary File 1, Table PCT17B and at the block level for the total population in Table P7. We used these two data sources to identify the number of Black prisoners incarcerated in state or federal prisons in blocks in each district.

Latino Prisoners

The Census publishes the ethnicity of the correctional population at the tract level in Summary File 1, Table PCT17H and at the block level for the total population in Table P11. We used these two data sources to identify the number of Latino prisoners incarcerated in state or federal prisons in blocks in this district.

District population

This is the district population reported in Statistical Analysis of Wisconsin Legislative Districts, published by the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau.

Population deviation

This is the difference between the ideal district size of 54,179 and the actual district size.

Percent of district that is incarcerated

This is the number of state and federal prisoners divided by the population of the district.

Percent deviation without prisoners

This is the size of the population deviation if prisoners had not been counted as residents of the prison district. It was calculated by taking the district population, subtracting the prison population and dividing the result by the ideal district population of 54,179.

White population

This is the number of people who were "Non-Hispanic White" as reported in Statistical Analysis of Wisconsin Legislative Districts, published by the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau.

Black population

This is the number of people who were "Non-Hispanic Black" as reported in Statistical Analysis of Wisconsin Legislative Districts, published by the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau.

Latino population

This is the number of people who were "Hispanic or Latino" as reported in Statistical Analysis of Wisconsin Legislative Districts, published by the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau.

Percent Black population incarcerated

This is the number of Blacks in state or federal prison divided by the number of Blacks in the district.

Percent Latino population incarcerated

This is the number of Latinos in state or federal prison divided by the number of Latinos in the district.

2006 General Election Turnout in Waupun – Total Vote by Ward
Source: 2007-08 Bluebook

Dodge County		
	Wards 1 & 2	665
	Wards 3 & 8	193
	Wards 4 & 6	247
	Wards 5 & 7	578
Fond du Lac	Wards 9 & 10	775
	Wards 11 & 12	478